

IN THE ABSTRACT:

line 4, change "of" (first occurrence) to --from--, between "for" and "manufacture"  
insert --the--, and change "the" to --a--;  
line 6, change "the" to --a--;  
line 7, change "ensuring an enough" to --of sufficient--, and between "by" and  
"following" insert --the--;  
line 8, delete "100, 200";  
line 10, delete "500";  
line 12, delete "14"; and  
line 13, delete "21".

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of July 27, 1999 is noted.

Both the specification and the abstract have been amended formally. Included is the correction noted by the examiner for page 11, line 17 of the specification.

The objection and rejection of the claims on formal grounds is also noted. In reply thereto, claims 1-6 have been amended to effect the changes suggested by the examiner and to further amend these claims to insure full compliance with the provisions of 35 USC 112.


The rejection of claims 1-6 as anticipated by Deggau et al under 35 USC 102(b) is noted and respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 defines a method which in addition to forming a thickened outer periphery of the disc-shaped metal sheet material also forms a non-processing portion which serves to protect the formed round hole 13 during the formation of the outer periphery into a thickened

portion. The non-processing portion allows the method to process without distorting the fixed dimensions of the hole 13, which is rather important as the resulting piece would not be useful if the diameter the hole, for example, were distorted . To further emphasis this feature, new claims 7 and 8 have been added which recites the formation of a stepped non-processing portion (claim 7) and the fact that the stepped portion is formed before the pressing step. The stepped portion is very effective in protecting the hole 13.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and claims 1-8 found allowable over the art of record.

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